

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Amend claims 1, 2 and 4 as follows:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A packing device for plate-like articles, comprising:

a base frame (20);

a pair of rear frames (31,31) upwardly disposed at rear both sides of the base (20) frames so that the plate-like articles (G) to be packed are leaned against the rear pillars in a rearwardly leaned posture;

a pair of front pillars (41,41) upwardly disposed at front both sides of the base frame (20);
and

a pressing device (50) for pressing the plate-like articles (G) disposed on the base frame (20) toward the rear pillars (31,31) with the plate-like articles leaned against the rear pillars (31,31), wherein the pressing device (50) has a pair of pressing members (60,60) disposed along both front sides of the plate-like article (G) so as to be faced to the pair of front pillars (41,41), a pair of locking members (70,80) to be disposed between the pair of pressing members (60,60) and the pair of front pillars (41,41), and guide members (71,81) for guiding the locking members (70,80) in an up-and-down direction along the front pillars (41),

wherein the pair of pressing members (60) have groove shaped pressing plates (61) to be disposed along an up-and-down direction with its opened groove direction faced to the front pillar, and the locking members (70) are slidably inserted in grooves (61a) of the pressing plates 61,

wherein in a state in which the plate-like articles (G) are disposed on the base frame ~~(20)~~ with the plate-like article ~~leaned~~ leaning against the rear pillars ~~(31)~~, the locking members ~~(70, 80)~~ each disposed between the front pillar ~~(41)~~ and the pressing member ~~(60)~~ are pressed downwardly along the front pillar ~~(41)~~ to be disposed between the front pillar ~~(40)~~ and the pressing member ~~(60)~~ with the locking member engaged therebetween, whereby the pressing members ~~(60)~~ press a front surface of the plate-like article.

2. (currently amended): The packing device for plate-like articles as recited in claim 1, wherein the guide member ~~(71, 81)~~ ~~is constituted by~~ includes a U-shaped groove portion ~~(74, 78)~~ provided at the locking member ~~(70, 80)~~ and opened to a front pillar side, and

wherein the U-shaped groove portion ~~(74, 84)~~ is slidably fitted in the front pillar ~~(41)~~ along the longitudinal direction thereof, whereby the locking member ~~(70, 80)~~ are slidably guided by the front pillar ~~(41)~~.

3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended): The packing device for plate-like articles as recited in claim 1, wherein the locking member ~~(70, 80)~~ is constituted so as to detachably attached to the pressing member ~~(60)~~.